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DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

FOR PRESIDENT.

ALTON BROOKS PARKER,
OF NEW YORK.

VICE PRESIDENT.

HENRY GASSAWAY DAVIS,
OF WEST VIRGINIA.

BRYAN IS GREAT.

No man ever conducted himself with more level-headed composure and sensible, careful judgment than did William J. Bryan during the session of the national convention. Bryan is by no means a dead one. On the other hand, he has not a peer in all the Democracy of this country as an orator, a statesman, an American citizen. There is no safer, saner, truer Democrat today than he is no less a distinguished personage than he was in the past. Out of the St. Louis convention he comes even greater than ever. His speech on the last night was a gem. It was above criticism. It brands him as a leader, and great, both in victory and defeat. A man of so true a type cannot disappear, except as the evening star, to shine again with undiminished splendor.

All roads lead to Esopus.

Mayor Barnes is an expert in devising methods of evading restrictive laws.

It is not that the fire department needs the hose so much as it is that somebody "needs the money."

The "Confessions of Alderman Walker" should attract the careful attention of the next grand jury.

Why this delay in beginning work on the federal building. Of a truth the machinery of governments runs slower than the mills of the gods.

Will Alderman Billy Walker, while he is still in a loquacious mood, kindly explain what disposition has been made of the park fund the past four years?

Those officials that squandered the thousands of dollars raised for park purposes should be held to the grand jury for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Mayor Barnes nimbly sidesteps the tax levy question and allows the burden of explanation to fall upon his faithful henchman, Alderman Billy Walker.

With the promise of a full treasury wrung from the overburdened taxpayer, Barnes and his tax robbers have resumed their career of unbridled extravagance.

The czar has issued a ukase calling for 417,000 recruits. With the Japs putting up the fight that they are now, it will take more than a ukase to get this many recruits into the field.

The British warship Venerable, recently made nine hits in nine shots. Manager Smith should immediately sign the Venerable and add to the batting percentage of the Guthrie team.

New York people are being put off the cars for refusing to pay double fare to Coney Island. New York needs an Oklahoma board of railway assessors to get those railroads straightened out.

Alderman Billy Walker says that the money raised by taxation to retire the water works scrip was "used for another purpose." The public would like to know what that "other purpose" was.

The taxpayers of Guthrie refuse to be hoodwinked with the mendacious assertions of the administration that the tax levy has been lowered. The fact that taxes have advanced by leaps and bounds during the past four years renders the protestations of the tax robbers ridiculous.

TEACHERS' PAY.

It is an undoubted fact that no class of professional workers who bring so much brains and nervous energy to their work meet with such comparatively meager appreciation and monetary remuneration as do school teachers. Indeed, the conscientious teacher must needs keep repeating to himself or herself that the virtue of zealous sacrifice is its own reward, for adequate reward of other sort the teacher seldom gets. Commenting upon this condition of affairs President Harper, of the University of Chicago, in the current number of the "World Today," says:

"The teacher to whom is intrusted the fostering care of our children should surely be one whose ability we respect. How is it possible to satisfy the conscience if a policy other than this prevails? Is there anything more precious than the child, whether viewed from the point of view of the family or the state? Is not his training a thing of pre-eminent importance? And yet we are willing to pay to his teacher a salary less than is paid in many cases to the keeper of our horses, or the keeper of our cattle. Who can not see the utter absurdity of this?"

"The teacher, everything being considered, should be, and in many cases is, the equal of the man or woman who enters into any other professional life. Shall we justify ourselves by continuing to pay the teacher at a rate which places on him or her the brand of intellectual weakness for having accepted a position which promises its occupant so little profit or advantage?"

"The time has come when preparation for teaching even in the grades requires a preparation and a proficiency equal to that demanded by any other profession. These requirements have gradually been increased until today in many quarters only those possessed of vigorous physical constitution, strong and untiring purpose, and, in addition, a considerable sum of money, are able to secure the preparation called for."

"Is it justice to those who have pursued this laborious course of preparation that in the end they should find themselves limited to a salary so small as to seem pitiful in view of the hardship undergone and the expense which has been incurred?"

According to the government crop bulletin, the condition of winter wheat is 78.7, compared with 77.7 last month; spring wheat, 93.7, compared with 93.4 last month; condition of growing crop 86.4, compared with 79.4. Average condition of spring and winter wheat combined, 84.5, compared with 80 last year. Wheat remaining in hands of the farmers is 36,650,000 bushels, equivalent to 5.7 per cent of the crop last year. Condition of oats, 89.9, compared with 89.2 last month. Condition of corn, 86.4. The average condition of the growing corn crop on July 1 was 86.4, as compared with 79.4 on July 1, 1903; 87.5 at the corresponding date in 1902, and a ten-year average of 88.4. The average condition of the oat crop on July 1 was 89.8, as compared with 89.2 last month, 94.3 on July 1, 1903; 92.1 at the corresponding date in 1902, and a ten-year average of 87.3.

Dallas News: What are we coming to? We began with the idea that one Constitution would do for all; that the blessings of free government therein provided for belonged of right to all, that the Constitution and the flag went together. What do we find. There are at present just nine different forms of government practiced in the United States, to wit: 1, Constitutional, State and Territorial; 2, special conditions for Alaska; 3, special conditions for Indian territory; 4, a commission for the Philippines; 5, an experiment in Porto Rico; 6, naval officers in charge of Guam; 7, temporary government in Titula, Samoa and other Pacific islands; 8, the Territory of Hawaii; 9, the Panama canal zone. If there is anything we can not do under the Constitution, let our enemies point it out.

Admiral Cervera has been presented with an engrossed message of thanks for his kind treatment of his American prisoners during the recent war. Republics are never ungrateful to the sons of other lands.

It's a sincere pity that the city council doesn't contain five other members of the stamp of Robert Sobleberg, who was appointed last night to succeed Alderman Douglas, resigned, in which event there would be a hope that reckless, illegal expenditure and unbridled wasting of the city's money would be checked.

President Roosevelt says that he selected Mr. Cortelyou for chairman of the Republican national committee because he knew that under Mr. Cortelyou's direction every cent of the campaign fund would be spent righteously. After Judge Parker is elected we trust that the president will not have any lurking regrets about not having chosen a chairman who would have spent the fund profitably rather than righteously.

WHEN PARKER SPOKE.

When "the silent New Yorker" broke the spell and for the first time voiced his own opinions upon matters of national importance, he gave utterance to a declaration that made him famous. He said, in a telegram to the convention:

"I regard the gold standard as firmly and irrevocably established, and I shall act accordingly, if the action of the convention today is ratified by the people. Inasmuch as the platform is silent on the subject, I deem it necessary to make this communication to the convention for its consideration, as I should feel it my duty to declare the nomination except with that understanding."

Had Judge Parker been a political strategist he would have kept silent on this point. He ran the risk of losing the nomination for the sake of appearing before the convention as an honest man. His action in this instance turned the tide in his favor, even among the radical members of the party. He had been subjected to criticism for his silence during the campaign his friends made for the nomination, taking refuge under the rule that forbids active participation in politics by a judicial officer.

That he was honest in this is apparent because of his message to the convention at the crucial moment when he knew that mention of the financial question had been avoided in the platform for the purpose of harmony. There was no apparent necessity for an open avowal of his views and that he made them known under such circumstances is the best guarantee to the nation that in Alton B. Parker a reunited Democracy has found a standard bearer who is worthy of the high honor to which he aspires.

PLATFORM VIEWS.

The St. Louis Republic: The Democratic party has agreed upon a platform. The act marks the triumphant union of Democratic hosts. Every element of the party has been allowed full participation in the deliberations. Every sentiment has been considered and every claim and contest allowed full development and value.

The result is a platform to meet the approval of every worthy class and interest in the union. It declares the fundamental principles of the party of national life.

That the money plank and income tax plank have, in the wisdom of the united party, been omitted is matter for congratulation. These are questions requiring no present disturbance and may be well left to subsequent consideration and determination.

The platform as it stands is comprehensive as to all matters—and, in the opinion of the united convention, conclusive upon these matters—of present day importance. The live issues have been adequately, surely, and satisfactorily treated. Democracy is union without dissent embodies sanity and understanding. The platform is its complete expression. The treatment of the vital issues will accord with the better and larger public opinion of the country. The party has taken the best ground.

Hearst's New York American: The platform adopted by the St. Louis convention in its main features will be satisfactory to the Democracy—the real Democracy.

It takes a straightforward position respecting the trusts—demanding the enforcement of the laws now upon the statute books and such further legislation for their control as experience shall show to be necessary. There is no comfort for the Morgans, Baers and Rockefeller in this plank, since it takes exactly the ground advocated by the "American" during the long warfare upon these criminal combinations in restraint of trade. Carried into effect by a Democratic president and attorney general, the St. Louis declaration would put an end to the monopolies which prey upon the people, corrupt politics and government and menace national prosperity.

Upon the tariff the platform is satisfactory. It calls for revision "by the friends of the masses and for the common weal, and not by the friends of its abuses." This revision, it is set forth, should not be hasty, but undertaken with consideration for existing conditions, "however wrongfully, mistakenly or unjustly brought about." Nevertheless, there should be such reduction upon trust produced articles as will subject them to competition and end the outrage of charging less abroad than at home for American made goods. The principle of a tariff for revenue, as the ideal, is adhered to.

Indianapolis News: On the question of imperialism the convention spoke with great clearness. "We insist," it said, "that we ought to do for the Philippines what we have done already for the Cubans, and it is our duty to make that promise now." The Democrats agree with Thomas Jefferson

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J. Roy Williams,
President.

Lon Whorton, Secretary.

Program.

"The Editor in Politics"—Leslie G. Niblack, Guthrie Leader.

"The Necessity of a Thorough Democratic Press Association"—Chas. F. Barrett, Shawnee Herald.

"What Constitutes a Loyal Democrat"—Hob Neff, Blackwell Sun.

"Is Machine Politics Good for the Party?"—Tom Hensley, El Reno Democrat.

"Is It the Platform or the Candidate that Unites the Party?"—Roy Stafford, Oklahomaian.

"Republican Insincerity"—F. C. Noble, Hobart Chief.

"The Importance of the Next Assembly and Why it should be Democratic"—Freeman Miller, Stillwater Advance.

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